

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Stovall was absent and did not leave written votes with the Commission Secretary. One vote on a personnel issue was left open for him.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(224) In the matter of Utility Services, Docket No. N2003.5.58; On May 19, 2003, Utility Services filed an application for a license to supply retail electricity to small business and commercial customers in Montana. Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the application with two contingencies: a prohibition against marketing to small customers and the requirement to file an annual report or audited statement after the first year. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(225) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of June 2, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(226) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's 2002-2003 Gas Tracker, Docket No. D2002.11.140; Commissioner Brainard moved to instruct NorthWestern Energy to file both ACOE and CIG indices for all times relative to development of this docket, beginning from January 2000. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(227) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's 2003-2004 Gas Tracker, Docket No. D2003.6.66; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of request for interim application and opportunity to file comments on the interim, including a request that the Montana Consumer Counsel file comments on the interim application, with the comments due by June 20, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson and Rowe vote aye. Commissioner Schneider dissented.

## APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(228) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Application by Hegel dba DC Cab (Columbia Falls) for Class B Motor Carrier Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Docket No. T-03.4. PCN; Commissioner Brainard moved to allow telephonic testimony of up to five witnesses and no more, designating participation by conference bridge. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Commissioner Jergeson offered a substitute motion to allow telephonic testimony, designating responsibility of applicant to have all witnesses participate from a common conference phone. The substitute motion died for lack of a second. The original motion passed with a vote of 3-0-1. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe and Schneider. Commissioner Jergeson abstained.

## APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Kate Whitney, Steve Vick

(229) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance Award; Commissioner Brainard moved to designate the 2003 Legislative Team (Wayne Budt, Kate Whitney, Steve Vick, Will Rosquist, Martin Jacobson, Monica Tranel and Laura Calkin) as the 2003 award recipients. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Jergeson left the conversation and gave Commissioner Rowe his proxy on the next two items. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Jergeson's proxy aye. The vote was left open for Commissioner Stovall who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

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(230) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/personnel (commission secretary/receptionist); Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to finalize the job profile and evaluation for the two secretarial positions and to submit them for classification in the broadband pay plan. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Jergeson's proxy aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 12, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Stovall was absent but the vote was left open for him.

APPEARANCE  
Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(231) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Long Distance Tariff Transmittal 03-03, Docket No. D2002.12.153; Commissioner Brainard moved to reject the filing received on 6/4/03, combine this issue with the main case, and base the final hearing on the record up to and including this filing only. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson and Schneider voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented. The vote was left open for Commissioner Stovall, who later cast his vote no, making the final vote 3 to 2.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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